

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Rio Grande WS - All Lands/Wildlife/Riparian

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Rio Grande WS - All Lands/Wildlife/Riparian		Applicant:
Final Ranking Score:		Address:
Planner:		Telephone:
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. a. Increase groundwater recharge in identified groundwater depletion areas (http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5% and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
3. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Increase carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
5. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives - Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
6. a. Eradicate or control noxious or invasive species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. c. Implement precision agricultural methods?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Properly dispose of animal carcasses?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. e. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Increase on-farm energy efficiency with more efficient equipment?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

7. c. Assist in implementing energy conservation measures that reduce emissions from GHGs and air pollutants?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines - Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
8. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted, or will complete an existing conservation system?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Does the applicant meet the following conditions:	
9. a. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. c. Is this the applicant's first EQIP application?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the project reduce the amount of nutrients/pesticides/salt/selenium or other pollutants entering ground or surface waters?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the planned practice(s) promote water conservation on the contracted acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Does the project increase the diversity of desirable plants on grazing lands?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Does the project improve the health of riparian and/or wetland areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Does the project improve habitat for a wildlife species currently categorized as a State or Federal T&E species, Federal Candidate or Proposed species, or State Species of Concern?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Will the planned practice(s) reduce irrigation induced or streambank erosion?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the contract be used to implement a conservation plan developed to the RMS level?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Has the applicant completed previous contracts?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Is this the applicant's first EQIP contract	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will contracted area include more than one landuse?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will wildlife be the primary or secondary land use on the contracted acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Is the primary purpose of the contract to enhance/restore the riparian and associated floodplain?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Is the primary purpose of the contract to enhance and protect habitat for an at-risk species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Is the targeted species known to occur on or adjacent to the contracted acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Will the contracted acres have the potential to provide habitat for the targeted species within the contract period?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Does the applicant agree to follow a management plan for the lifespan of the contract to achieve the desired habitat conditions?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Will the planned practices and management address limiting factors of the targeted species associated with 645 & 644?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. Is the project adjacent to or within a mile of a similar type of habitat effort?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. Will the contract address habitat requirements for more than one species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. Will the contract address both sides of a main waterway?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
15. Does the applicant agree to follow a management plan for the lifespan of the contract to achieve a healthy riparian area and include use exclusion to develop a minimum 30-ft. buffer from waterways?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
16. Will the riparian/floodplain area be restored to a functional state within the contracted period?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
17. Has the applicant discontinued channel, riparian, or floodplain disturbance including: dredging, filling, straightening, rip-rap, blocking natural flooding processes, and removing woody riparian vegetation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
18. Do the contracted practices provide direct and observable energy-saving benefits?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

19. Are there partnering contributions, either cost-shared or technical?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
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Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency: Local Issues: State Issues: National Issues: Final Ranking Score:
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative: Signature Date:	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy: Signature Date:
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